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SUBJECT: UNREST AND DEFECTIONS WITHIN THE ETHIOPIAN NAVY

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(NOTAL)

1. THE CONGEN HAS RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THE ETHIOPIAN
NAVY (EN) PERSONNEL ARE DISCONTENTED IN THE WAKE OF BOTH THE
ASSASSINATION OF DIRG MEMBER PETTY OFFICER MIKAEL ASKEDOM (REF
C) AND THE RECENT PURGE OF KEY MEMBERS OF THE DIRG IN ADDIS.
THIS REPORT ALSO CONFIRMS THE SINKING OF AN EN PATROL CRAFT
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FROM MASSAWA IN LATE JANUARY BY THE ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE (EAF)
AS THE CREW WAS APPARENTLY DEFECTING TO SOMALIA.

2. THE CURRENT UNREST HAS BEEN MANIFESTED BY DEFECTION OF SEVERAL
SAILORS FROM THE EN BASE AT MASSAWA. MORE IMPORTANTLY THE REPORT
CLAIMS THAT ANOTHER EN PATROL CRAFT WITH 13 SAILORS ABOARD LEFT
MASSAWA ON ROUTINE PATROL AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED. WHEN THE

CRAFT FAILED TO RESPOND TO REPEATED RADIO CHECKS, EAL AIRCRAFT
AND HELICOPTERS CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH BUT DID NOT LOCATE
THE CRAFT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORT CONCERNING THE
UNREST WITHIN EN RANKS APPEARS CREDIBLE, DETAILS ARE AS YET
UNCONFIRMED.

4. FOR ADDIS: REQUEST ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY OBTAIN ON
SUBJECT OF DEFECTION OF PATROL CRAFT CREW.
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